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Case No. 10908/5

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In re Appln. of: Ahern et al.

Appln. No.: 10/658,635

Filed: September 8, 2003

For: Recovery of Metals from
Jarosite-Containing Materials

Examiner: Andrews

Art Unit: 1615

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), Applicants hereby cite the following reference(s):

No.	Date of Publication	Patentee/Applicant/Assignee
5,078,786	01/07/92	Peters et al.
4,054,638	10/18/77	Dreulle et al.

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OTHER ART

1. RAGHAVAN R et al., "Innovative Processing Technique to produce zinc concentrate from zinc leach residue with simultaneous recovery of lead and silver" HYDROMETALLURGY, ELSEVIER SCIENTIFIC PUBLISHING CY. AMSTERDAM, NL, Vol. 48, No. 2, 1 April 1998 (1998-04-01), pages 225-237, XP 004127899 ISSN: 0304-386X; Page 230: Brine leaching; Tables 3 and 4

2. VINALS J. et al: "LEACHING OF GOLD, SILVER AND LEAD FROM PLUMBOJAROSITE-CONTAINING HEMATITE TAILINGS IN HCL-CACL₂ MEDIA", HYDROMETALLURGY, ELSEVIER SCIENTIFIC PUBLISHING CY., AMSTERDAM, NL, Vol. 26, No. 2, 1 March 1991 (1991-03-01), pages 179-199, XP 000201577; ISSN: 0304-386X; Abstract; page 197, point (6) of conclusions
3. ED. By T.S. Mackey and R.D. Prengaman: "Lead-Zinc '90" 1990, THE MINERALS, METALS & MATERIALS SOCIETY, WARRENDALE, PA USA XP 001118111 cited in the application Berezowsky RMGS et al: "Silver and gold recovery from zinc pressure leach residue", p. 135-150

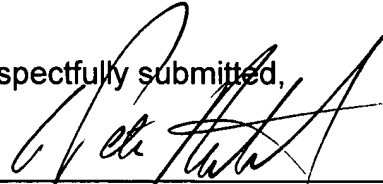
For the Examiner's convenience, a copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2) is provided.

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's consideration of the above reference(s) and entry thereof into the record of this application.

By submitting this Statement, Applicants are attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 C.F.R. §1.56. As such, this Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a).

Applicants have calculated no fee to be due in connection with the filing of this Statement. However, the Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency associated with the filing of this Statement to a deposit account, as authorized in the Transmittal accompanying this Statement.

Respectfully submitted,



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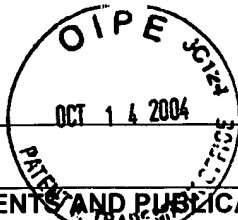
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